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(U) Econ and Treasury delivered reftel demarche and press release to our MFA contact for terrorist financing issues Ambassador Mohammed al Humaimidi. The Ambassador had no immediate comment on the U.S. designation of First East Export Bank, but said he is continuing to liaise with the Foreign Minister and Prime Minister's Office on sanctions issues. To our knowledge, First East Export Bank has no presence in Iraq. We will report any subsequent GOI response on this matter septel.

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